

# Bulletin du Club International du Quercy

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## Trip to Figeac

On Tuesday, 14 June, 10 Club members joined the Combedouzou trip for Figeac, le Célé and le Causse.



We stopped in route to visit the farm of le Mas de Thomas, just outside Saint-Sulpice, where we sampled award winning Chevrerie AOP Rocamadour cheese made from their 300 alpine goats. After a delicious lunch at La Table des 3 Ânes in Blars we proceeded to Figeac.

In Figeac, named one of the most beautiful detours in France, we hopped on the little tourist train and travelled through this ancient village with its narrow cobbled alleys. To mark the birthplace of Jean-François Champollion, translator of Egyptian hieroglyphics, a giant copy of the Rosetta is paved into the courtyard of the Champollion Museum.

Our journey homeward took us along the riverbanks of Le Célé with its steep limestone cliffs and houses carved in rock.



## Sunday Tea Party 19 June

On 19th June, between 3pm and 5pm, the Club organised a Tea Party, which sadly had to be held indoors as the weather forecast was unfavourable, though John Blaus had spent Saturday morning doing a great job tidying up the courtyard and garden in preparation.

In fact, it turned out it to be a super Tea Party. Sue surpassed herself in making a selection of delicious little cakes, typically British, which were served after the tasty traditional sandwiches, organised and made with Jan's help. Finally, the meal ended with strawberries and cream in true Wimbledon tradition.

All was washed down with a variety of teas well appreciated by the guests. We were seated around 4 prettily set tables of 6 people in a happy chatty atmosphere.

The organisers, Sue, Jan and Colette all thank the members who came along to take part in this very pleasant occasion.



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## Club Summer Meal – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016

For members and their guests who have booked for the Repas d'été, a reminder that the meal starts at **7.30pm** with an aperitif. Please bring with you your menu choice cards to hand in to the staff on the night.

Shirley Sears Black and the Brelan team look forward to seeing you all there

Club Trip to les Paysanneries	Website
<p>Les Paysanneries is a story about a day in the life of Manon and a farming village in the Quercy area 1880s. 65 actors are dressed in period costumes and play scenes representing various aspects of farm life. Working animals, merchants, gendarmes, children, scoundrels all come on and off the wonderfully constructed "stage". Cost for the performance is 7 euros per adult - 4 euros children 8 to 13 years old.</p> <p>The 2016 performances run Wednesdays 27 July &amp; 3 August and Saturdays 30 July &amp; 6 August.</p> <p>The Club is organising a group trip and booking a table for the 30 July performance and after the show meal. The meal includes: Aperio, wine, Grilled Sausages, Aligot Géant, salade, cheese, dessert, café - Pruneaux with traditional music and dances. Price is 20 euros per person. So cost for show &amp; meal is 27 euros</p> <p>For more info contact Betty Lilly by email on <a href="mailto:bettylilly77@gmail.com">bettylilly77@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Further to the discussion at the AGM about the proposed regeneration of the Club's website a small working group was formed from the membership; Betty Lilly, Dave Bloomfield, Rien Olijve and Hanneke Tas . They have produced a report which has been circulated electronically to all members. <b>Please do read the full report.</b></p> <p>The 3 recommendations were</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. By not revamping our website, in the increasingly online world, we risk losing visibility inside and beyond our community, not to mention potential membership fees and other potential revenue streams.</li><li>2. The Club should therefore proceed with the development of a new website with the necessary functionality to meet our needs.</li><li>3. The proposal from the semi-professional partnership is an acceptable way forward.</li></ol> <p><b>Should you wish to ask any questions or make any comments or suggestions, please do so by email to <a href="mailto:clubintquercy@gmail.com">clubintquercy@gmail.com</a> no later than July 15th 2016.</b></p>

## Summer workshops & classes

The Club would like to thank all the Volunteers who run classes and workshops. Many finish for the summer break but the following activities are still happening – Choir on Monday afternoons, Bridge on Thursday afternoons and Needlecrafts on Friday afternoon. The small walks for July and August are in the mornings instead of the afternoons, leaving at 10am. The Saturday coffee mornings will of course continue throughout the summer

## The club welcomes the following new members who have joined since June

Julie Savill (Br)

Kevin Whitlow (Br)

Jan Van der Heijden (NL)

Judith Whitlow (Br)

Ria Van der Heijden (NL)

## The club welcomes back

Anna Zielschot (NL)

Rosemay Martin (Fr)

Philippe Ertzer (Fr)

## THROUGH THE CLUB WINDOW

On 6th June, the Club launched its own brand new choir, open to all members, both men and women, beginner or experienced, which has so far attracted around 10 people during the first 3 weeks.

If you enjoy singing popular, lighthearted music and want the chance to meet new people then come along on Mondays to join in the fun!

Each week we work on varied repertoire and harmonies, while making time for that all important cup-of-tea-break and natter between friends. The first aim, apart from the fun of singing, is to prepare a concert to be held in the Club before Christmas this year.

The choir is led by Jenny Grimshaw, a new resident in Montaigu, who has an infectious and passionate love for music. In the UK Jenny was a singing teacher and musical director for 12 years after training at the Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts in London and completing a music degree at Lancaster University.

Rehearsals, which will continue during the summer for those interested, are every week on Mondays 5:30-7:00pm in the Club.



## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee welcomes two new members to the team

**Julia Jones & Ruth Smythers**

Julia is a returning Committee member and will be looking after the Club facilities. Ruth will be joining the secretarial team.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MONTHLY SHORT WALK

DATE : TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY & 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST  
TIME : LEAVE 10H00  
PLACE : CONTACT PETER GAUNTLETT FOR DETAILS

### SUMMER MEAL

DATE : THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
TIME : 19H30  
PLACE : AUBERGE BRELAN  
PRICE : 25 EUROS

### PAYSANNERIES

DATE : SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
TIME : 18H30  
VENUE : THEZAC / MASQUIERES  
BOOK IN WITH BETTY LILLY

### VIDE GRENIER

DATE : SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
TIME : 08H00 – 18H00  
PLACE : BEAUVILLE

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*Book the date for the Club's  
Summer BBQ – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>  
August*

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## VIDE GRENIER

The Club has booked a place at the Beauville Vide Grenier on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Now is the perfect time to clear out any unwanted household items which are in good condition and donate them to the Club to sell at the event. Please bring any items to the Club on a Saturday morning. All offers of help to man the stand gratefully received!

# Happy Holidays

The Committee would like to wish you all an enjoyable summer break – whether you are staying here or taking your holidays elsewhere.

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